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## **Temple & Lincoln Intersection Getting Four-Way Stop Signs**

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Selectmen approved four-way stop signs this week at the dangerous intersection of Temple and Lincoln streets.

The board voted unanimously to add stop signs to Lincoln St. at this intersection, which was the recommendation of the Duxbury Highway Safety Advisory Committee.

Committee chairman Joe Shea stated that the committee had not previously felt the intersection had needed a four-way stop, despite numerous accidents there including a fatality that took the life of a Marshfield fire fighter. Although area residents requested the stop signs, Shea said they wanted them to deter speeders at the intersection and stop signs are prohibited for speed control use.

However, "in light of another three-vehicle accident recently we have re-examined our position and now feel that the installation of multi-way stop signs at that location is justified," Shea stated in a memo to selectmen. "That intersection has unique characteristics that can only be adequately resolved by the installation. We do not know what role speed played in previous accidents but we do know that had all traffic been required to stop, these accidents might have been avoided."

Because the additional stop signs on Lincoln will be new to unsuspecting motorists, selectmen wanted enough signs erected to warn drivers to stop. Town Manager Rocco Longo assured selectmen he would ask the highway department for a "transition plan" for the intersection. He reminded selectmen about when four-way stop signs were placed at Temple and Franklin streets and they have worked well.